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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: REJECTION OF TWA FARE CHANGE

REF: STATE 169459

- 1. EMBASSY RECEIVED ON AUGUST 8 MFA NOTE DATED AUGUST 5 WHICH REJECTED TWA RATE CHANGE. TEXT IS TRANSLATED IN SUBSEQUENT PARA.
- 2. BEGIN TEXT. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS OWN NOTE VERBALE NO. 079/13979 OF AUGUST 1, 1977, IN CONFORMITY WITH ARTICLE 10/D OF THE CURRENT AVIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN ITALY AND THE UNITED STATES, HAS THE HONOR OF CONVEYING THAT THE RESPONSIBLE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES DO NOT FIND IT CONVENIENT TO APPROVE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPECIAL FARE REQUESTED BY THE TWA COMPANY ON JULY 21 BECAUSE OF THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS IT WOULD PRODUCE ON THE MARKET AND THE EXISTING COMPETITIVE SITUATION.

MOREOVER, IT IS EMPHASIZED THAT SAID REQUEST OF THE TWA COMPANY WAS PRESENTED WITHOUT OBSERVING THE TERMS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 10/B OF THE EXISTING AGREEMENT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(COURTESY CLOSE.) END TEXT.

3. COMMENT: MFA NOTE 079/13979 SIMPLY STATED THAT EMBASSY'S NOTE 371 ON THE PROPER CHANNELS FOR NOTIFICATION OF REJECTION OF RATE OR FARE CHANGES (SEE REFTEL) HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES. DI MUCCIO TOLD EMBOFF INFORMALLY THAT EMBASSY'S POINT WAS WELL

TAKEN AND AUGUST 5 NOTE QUOTED PARA 2 ABOVE IS FIRST EVIDENCE THAT ITALIAN AUTHORITIES ARE COMPLYING WITH OUR REQUEST. THEY ARE OBVIOUSLY NOW EAGER, HOWEVER, TO HOLD U.S. TO TERMS OF ARTICLE 10 AS WELL.HOLMES

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